1.   (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

writing means for writing data in at least two re-writable data carriers, each of the re-writable data carriers being attached to a container of a dish or drink;

reading means for reading data in a non-contact state from the re-writable data carriers, each of the re-writable data carriers including a communication control logic to cause each of the re-writable data carriers to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry from the reading means after communicating with the reading means; and

calculating means for calculating the charge using the read data and displaying the charge.

2.   (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

input means for inputting data to be used to calculate a charge; and

writing means for writing the data in at least two re-writable data carriers each of which is attached to a container of a dish or drink and each of the re-writable data carriers including a communication control logic to cause each of the re-writable data carriers to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry from the writing means after communicating with the writing means.

5.   (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a charge for a dish and drink selected by a customer, comprising:

reading means for reading data in a non-contact state from at least two re-writable data carriers attached to a container of one or more dishes or drinks selected by the customer, each of the re-writable data carriers including a communication control logic to cause each of the re-writable data carriers to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry

from the reading means after communicating with the reading means; and

calculating means for calculating the charge using the read data.

10.   (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A container used in connection with reading means for reading data for an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

means for holding the dish or drink; and

a re-writable data carrier means for recording data to be used to calculate the charge, the re-writable data carrier means being attached to the container of the dish or the drink and including a communication control logic to cause the re-writable data carrier means to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry from the reading means after communicating with the reading means.

11.   (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A calorie calculating system for automatically calculating calories of a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

reading means for reading data in a non-contact state from at least two re-writable data carriers, each of the re-writable data carriers being attached to a container of one or more dishes or drinks selected by the customer, each of the re-writable data carriers including a communication control logic to cause each of the re-writable data carriers to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry from the reading means after communicating with the reading means; and

calculating means for calculating calories of the one or more dishes or drinks using read data and displaying the calories.

12.   (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a charge for goods selected by a customer, comprising:

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reading means for reading data in a non-contact state from at least two re-writable data carriers, each of the re-writable data carriers being attached to a container of one or more items of goods selected by the customer, each of the re-writable data carriers including a communication control logic to cause each of the re-writable data carriers to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry from the reading means after communicating with the reading means; and

calculating means for calculating the charge for the one or more items of goods using read data and displaying the charge.

14.   (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium encoded with a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising:

inputting data to be used to calculate a charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer; and

writing the data in at least two re-writable data carriers, each of the re-writable data carriers being attached to a container of the dish or drink, each of the re-writable data carriers including a communication control logic to cause each of the re-writable data carriers to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry from a reading means after communicating with the reading means.

15.   (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium encoded with a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising:

reading data in a non-contact state from at least two re-writable data carriers, each of the re-writable data carriers being attached to a container of one or more dishes or drinks selected by a customer, each of the re-writable data carriers including a communication control logic to cause each of the re-writable data carriers to enter a period of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry from a reading means after communicating with the reading means;

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calculating a charge for the one or more dishes or drinks using the read data; and

displaying the charge

16.   (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A charging method for automatically calculating a

charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

writing data in at least two re-writable data carriers, each of the re-writable data carriers

being attached to a container of a dish or drink;

reading data in a non-contact state from the data carriers of one or more dishes or

drinks selected by the customer, each of the re-writable data carriers including a

communication control logic to cause each of the re-writable data carriers to enter a state of

waiting a predetermined period after to answer an inquiry from a reading means after

communicating with a reading means;

calculating said charge using read data; and

displaying said charge.

17.   (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a

charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

a writing unit writing data in at least two re-writable data carriers, each of the re-writable

data carriers being formed as part of a container of a dish or drink;

a reading unit reading data in a non-contact state from the re-writable data carriers,

each of the re-writable data carriers including a communication control logic to cause each of

the re-writable data carriers to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an

inquiry from the reading unit after communicating with the reading unit; and

a calculating unit calculating the charge using the read data and displaying the charge.

20.   (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A container used in connection with reading means

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for reading data for automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

tableware to hold the dish or drink; and

a re-writable data carrier to record data to be used to calculate the charge, the re-writable data carrier being attached to the container, and the re-writable data carrier including a communication control logic which causes the re-writable data carrier to enter a state of waiting a predetermined period to answer an inquiry from the reading means after communicating with the reading means.

21.   (TWICE AMENDED) The container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink according to claim 20, wherein said re-writable data carrier further comprises:

an antenna;

a voltage generator circuit to provide power to said data carrier in response to electromotive force received from the antenna; and

a memory unit to record the data to be used to calculate the charge.

22.   (TWICE AMENDED) The container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink according to claim 21, wherein said re-writable data carrier further comprises:

a modulator/demodulator to communicate modulated data between the antenna with the memory unit.

24.   (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink comprising:

an antenna;

a memory;

a communication control logic to record data in a re-writable data carrier to be used to